

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) An oral steroid hormone product having improved dissolution and release rate properties, said product comprising norgestimate in admixture with lactose, wherein substantially all of said norgestimate is in non-crystalline form and wherein said lactose stabilizes said norgestimate in its non-crystalline form.
- 2-5. Cancelled
6. (previously presented) The steroid hormone product of claim 1, wherein the product is one of an oral contraceptive product and a hormone replacement therapy product.
7. (previously presented) The steroid hormone product of claim 6, wherein the product is an oral contraceptive product comprising from about 10 μg to about 50 μg of an estrogen and/or from about 50 μg to about 300 μg of norgestimate.
- 8-17. Cancelled.